

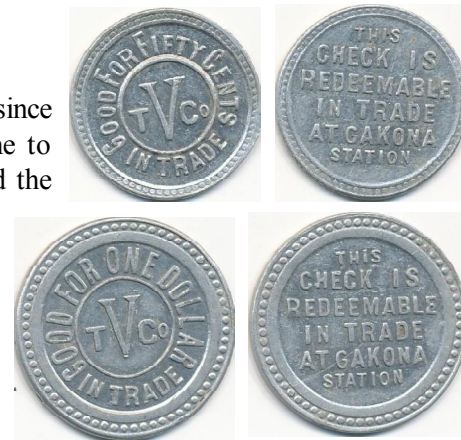


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VALDEZ TRANSPORTATION CO. GAKONA STATION

by J.D. Williams

Additional resources and information have come to light since the ATC&PN August 2011 article of the Stage Line to Fairbanks concerning the Valdez Transportation Co. and the fifty cents and dollar tokens issued for the Gakona Station. *The Trail - The Story of the Historic Valdez-Fairbanks Trail that opened Alaska's Interior* was compiled and written by Kenneth L. Marsh and published by the Trapper Creek Museum, Trapper Creek, Alaska in 2008. Although it is a 406 page book and a major contribution to the subject of the historic trail, a copy was not available for review by Dick Hanscom at the time of the release of the August 2011 article. The following page citations in brackets are to the respective pages of Ken Marsh's book about the historic Valdez to Fairbanks trail.



"Hauling freight, the U.S. Mail, and passengers over The Trail in horse drawn stages became an active business in the winter, almost as soon as The Trail was established. The use of horses and mules in pack trains had come before there was even a decent trail for stages and sleds. One of the first such companies was the Valdez Transportation Company. In 1904, it was established to operate pack trains and stages from Valdez to Fairbanks, along with weekly mail service." [p. 317]

"[In] 1903 [t]he best winter route from Valdez to Fairbanks was up the Gulkana River and down the Delta River. Veteran mail contractor, James Fish, began using horses instead of dogs to transport the mail in 1903 over Isabel Pass [Fish founded the Valdez Transportation Company in 1904.]...[In] 1904 [t]he new winter trail started from the Government Trail at a point ten miles east of the Gakona River, and then ran north to the Chippewa Roadhouse located at the trail crossing of the Gakona River, twenty-eight miles north of Gakona. The mail then continued north to the Roosevelt Roadhouse, before crossing over into the Gulkana Canyon and through Isabel Pass to Casey's Cache (McKinley's), at the head of the Delta River. The Valdez Transportation Company operated stages and had a weekly mail contract to Fairbanks and semi-monthly mail to Tanana. (This was extended to Nome in 1905.)...[In] 05-06 V.T. Co. was given the mail contract for eight trips a month to Fairbanks and four round trips to Tanana..." [pp. 154-155] "The Valdez Transportation Company pioneered the stage business along The Trail." [p. 317] "During the years 1902-06, the crude winter trail proceeded north from Gakona over different more easterly routes than did the later All-Season Trail..." [p. 155]

VALDEZ TRANSPORTATION CO.
Jas. Fish, President and General Manager.
Will operate a fully equipped Stage Line

Valdez To Fairbanks

Three Times A Week.
Commencing Thursday, Feb. 2, 1905. Stage
leaves Valdez at 12 o'clock, Noon, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Saturdays.
FARE \$1.50, Including 25 lbs. Hand Baggage.

Quick, Comfortable Service.
For further information apply to the Company at Valdez, the Alaska-
Pacific Navigation Co. or Alaska Commercial Co., at Seattle, Wash.

Alaska Prospector, Valdez, December 8, 1904.

"Jim Doyle built a roadhouse at Gakona in 1902. The logical summer route to Tanana was by way of Christochina and Isabel Pass." [p. 154] "The Valdez Transportation Company (V.T. Co.) started managing the Gakona Roadhouse in the winter of 1904-05. It was now called the Gakona Roadhouse, Mail Station and Trading Post...(ed. note: shortened to Gakona Station on the tokens). When V.T. Co. acquired the

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

My thanks to J.D. Williams for his article on the Valdez Transportation Co. This expands on what was previously known, and ties it in with a current business. We will have a couple more of his articles in months to come.

The big news in Fairbanks is that Kinross (owners of Fort Knox Mine north of Fairbanks) has poured the first gold bar from the Manh Choh mine down by Tetlin. There has been controversy over their double ore trucks hauling the ore all the way to the Fort Knox mill (247 miles). On our drive back from Maine, when we were on the Alaska Highway between Tok and Fairbanks, we saw at least 10 trucks making the return trip to Manh Choh. Oh, and that first gold bar weighed 37.5 pounds and was valued at \$1.4 million!

I am hopeful that they will make 1 oz. gold medals as they have in the past for other significant milestones.

eBay was relatively quite this month. One seller in Canada offered a rare Cordova token as well as a rare token from Katalla (hence the odd PR from converting Canadian \$ to U.S. \$). He then listed a second Cordova token that went unsold at his opening bid.

The next issue will be a September/October issue, mailed about September 1.

We are offering quite a number of modern Alaska tokens. **Keep in mind that many are "one only" in stock. As usual, we will send on approval and you can pay upon receipt.**

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage, Cheechako Tavern, 12½¢, B-11bl 20.00
Cordova, J.W. Little, one drink, B-22b 1,824.49OB



Cordova, J.W. Little, one drink, B-22a (2nd) OB1,824.49NB
Juneau, Alaska Hotel, 12½¢, B-2b 19.03
Katalla, Pierce & Adams, 12½¢, B-6a 1,824.49OB
Ketchikan, Abercrombie's, 2¢, B-1a 8.50
Ketchikan, Quality Bakery, 1 sm. loaf, B-48a 23.73
Ladd AFB, Poker chip 23.06
Murphy Dome, 744th ACW NCO OM, 5¢, B-3i 35.00OB
Palmer, ARRC, 10¢, B-1c 66.00
Sparrevohn, 719th ACW, 10¢, B-1d 30.00OB
Sparrevohn, 719th ACW, \$1, B-1j 36.00
Treadwell, T Club Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-1aII 192.45OB
A.Y.P.E., encased cent, round 33.52
A.Y.P.E., encased cent, round, small hole 37.25
Rainier Beer, Alaska's Favorite, encased cent 52.00
Klondike Charm 158.05
Tierra del Fuego, Soc. Explot. 20¢ red OB249.00NB
Tierra del Fuego, Soc. Explot. 50¢ black 429.00OB

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve;
RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now;
BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP =
sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

JOHNSON HOTEL, McCARTHY



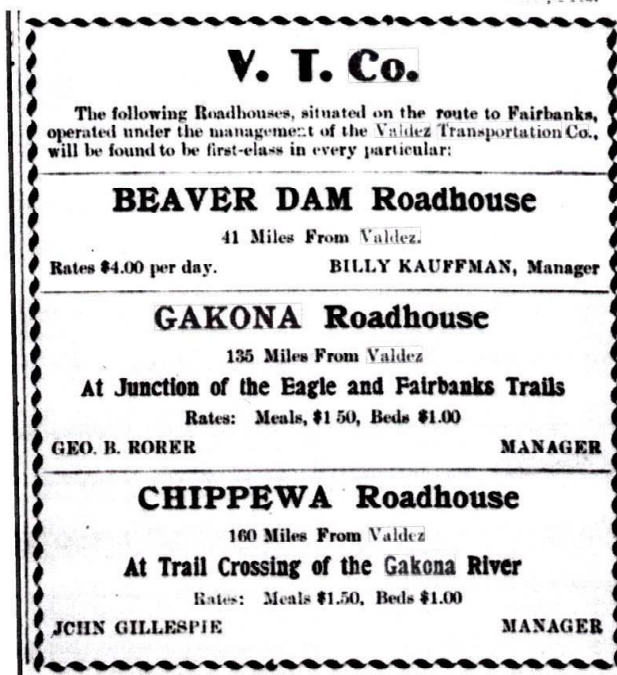
Johnson's
HOTEL and POOL HALL

GOOD ROOMS and BOARDING HOUSE
Cigars, Tobacco, Fruit and Candy. Soft drinks of all kinds.

BAGGAGE STORED
McCarthy, Alaska.

McCarthy Weekly News, April 20, 1918.

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Alaska Prospector, Valdez, December 29, 1904.

Gakona Roadhouse, they enlarged it into a two-story building with an attached lean-to. It became the company's main terminal for the Interior. Being at the junction of the Valdez-Eagle Trail, and the winter trail to Fairbanks in 1904-05, made it a good location for the V.T. Co.. The company had contracts for making eight round trips a month between Valdez and Fairbanks hauling the U.S. Mail, and four round trips monthly between Valdez and Eagle. Added to this was the fact that V.T. Co. also ran a stage line for passengers between Valdez and Fairbanks... Business at the roadhouse was going strong and promising as a result of all the traffic being generated on the winter trails."



Photographer: P.S. Hunt. Mary Whalen Photograph Collection, UAF-1975-84-247, Archives, University of Alaska Fairbanks.



However, "the Alaska Road Commission was soon to establish an All-Season Trail to Fairbanks that opened in the fall of 1906. With the closing of the winter trail, the [Gakona] roadhouse suffered a great loss of business almost immediately. ...There were just no travelers to board anymore." [pp. 151-152] "In 1906-07 [the Valdez Transportation Company] lost the mail contract for Fairbanks to the new Ed S. Orr Stage Company. This loss, along with the closing of the winter trail, on which several Valdez Transportation Company roadhouses were located, spelled the end of the company's early hold on The Trail." [p. 317]

With the changes to the trail and loss of the mail contract, it is likely the tokens were only in use for a couple years (1905-1906).

"Mike Johnson bought the [Gakona Roadhouse] in 1912, continuing to offer the same services offered over the previous six years, and in turn sold out to J.M. Elmer in 1919. With time, the roadhouse found improved business conditions, and it is one of the few original roadhouses on The Trail still in operation and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places." [p. 152]

This last part appears to be an abbreviation of the facts. My parents' friend Henra Sundt came to Gakona about 1928 and married Arne Sundt who was managing the

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Gakona Roadhouse for its owner the Slate Creek Mining Company which owned various mining claims being managed by Elmer. In addition to running the Gakona Roadhouse, Arne was also working on the gold mining claims managed by Elmer. Henna Sundt recalls these and other memories of her years in Gakona in a June 13, 1993 recorded interview conducted by Bill Schneider and reported in Project Jukebox Digital Branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Oral History Program:

“And Arne came here and he worked for this guy, Elmer. He was manager here and he was also mining on Slate Creek. But Elmer was not a honest man. So he owed my husband a lot of money. So my husband didn’t pressure him, because he knew from working on the creek he knew that he had taken out quite a bit of gold. The gold went down to California in the wintertime and he went broke. Had it all with him.

“So Arne said, well, he wanted a settlement. He demanded a settlement. He said, ‘I don’t owe you one thing,’ Elmer said.

“So I guess they had quite a discussion about that, but Arne decided that he would go to New York and talk to those people. So he did. He said he put on his only suit that he ever owned and he sort of half way dressed up and he got to New York.

“He went to talk to those guys and told them all about Slate Creek and told them all about Elmer and what Elmer had said. And the whole thing only took about a half a day.

“They said that you can take over the mining operation. We will give you a 12 year lease. And also the -- the -- Gakona.

“Gakona wasn’t very much then. It was only a few log -- old log buildings, a barn and all that. The old lodge up on the river there, on the river bar -river bank. And he said, ‘You can just take over there, because Elmer hasn’t sent us one ounce of gold in years.’

“And they made an arrangement that he would pay some royalty, I think. I forget what the percentage was. And he would mine up there.

“So Arne came back here, and it was in the middle of winter, and some guys was working out there. The lodge

was about this -- had about four or five rounds of logs already started and they were -- logs was there. He was going to build a new lodge.

“And they were out there, and Arne went over there and confronted with the news, you know. And Elmer got pretty upset. He pulled a gun on him.

“And he was telling this bunch of guys at the dining room table one time, and they said, ‘What did you do when he pulled a gun on you?’ He said, ‘I reached out and took the gun away from him.’ Cause he was just a little guy and my husband was six feet tall -- a big man. Elmer was just a little squirt alongside him.

“They said ‘You should have hit him over the head with it.’ ‘No,’ he said, ‘I wouldn’t do that.’

“But Elmer left. Elmer knew he was beat and he left.”

I have not found any first person descriptions of the Gakona Roadhouse contemporaneous with the operation of the Valdez Transportation Company stage line, other than the general observation of Judge James Wickersham quoted by Marshall and others, where in the Judge’s book *Old Yukon* he refers to the Gakona Roadhouse by noting in February 1905 “[we] found a good roadhouse at the mouth of the Gakona, a tributary of the Copper” River. However it is unlikely the roadhouse changed much by the time Helen Hegener writes as follows in *Alaska Roadhouses*:

“In her book *Sisters: Coming of Age and Living Dangerously in the Wild Copper River Valley*...Aileen Gallaher described stopping at the [Gakona] roadhouse on her way north from Valdez in 1926: ‘Our next stop was Gakona, about thirty miles north of Copper Center. The Gakona Roadhouse there was a large log building, which really could not be called a cabin. It had a second story and a high-pitched roof. The Gakona River flowed swiftly about fifty feet in front of it. The lobby was a large room without any decoration and only a few wooden benches for furniture. In one corner, a staircase led to the bedrooms upstairs, and the other corner was occupied by the Post Office. Across the front next to the lobby were the dining room and the kitchen, and behind were the owners’ quarters. The two men who lived there and operated the Gakona Roadhouse were Arne Sundt from Norway and Herb Hyland, from Sweden. Both welcomed me warmly to

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Alaska, and made me feel at home in this new, amazing world.”

At the [Sah-archipedia.org](https://www.sah-archipedia.org) website Alison Hoagland describes the original 1902 building as modified by the Valdez Transportation Co. as follows:



Remains of the original Gakona Roadhouse, May 31, 2024.

Photo by Gakona Lodge owner Wayne Rowe.

“This first roadhouse, located on the banks of the Gakona River, is built of round logs, saddle notched at the corners. The original building measured approximately 20 feet by 30 feet, with a 15 foot by 30 foot shed-roofed addition. On the interior, the ground floor was one open space, with a stove on one side. The second floor had two 5-foot-by-9-foot sleeping rooms partitioned with canvas on a light frame, the rest was one room.”

In 1928-29, Arne Sundt built a new log roadhouse building (now the Gakona Lodge) a relatively short distance from the original Gakona Roadhouse on the bank of the Gakona River. In *Alaskan Roadhouses*, Helen Hegener notes that “Arne Sundt built a new roadhouse, much larger than its predecessor, in an L-shaped, gable-roofed plan, with 9 private rooms, a bunkhouse on the upper floor, two bathrooms, a general store, and a post office. He also built a separate owner’s residence, two cabins, a wagon repair shop, and other buildings...All of the buildings on the site - all but two of them made of logs - have been subsequently added to the National Register of Historic Places.” Henra Sundt and her family continued to operate the Gakona Lodge after Arne’s death in 1946 until she sold the lodge in 1979. The lodge has had several owners since its sale by Henra.

When I was growing up our family always stopped at Gakona Lodge to see Henra Sundt and my best memory is from the summer of 1959 when her dog had a litter of

Labrador-huskies and Henra gave me a puppy which I named Flash. In later years Henra spent much of her time in Anchorage and was a frequent visitor at our house.

ATC&PN’s Southeast Alaska Correspondent Mike Schmetzer used to stay at the loft bedroom in Gakona Lodge in the early 1990s when on canoe trips on the river. He recalls spending hours one time poking around “a large stable/barn” where he was told “they kept horses when running the stage lines to Fairbanks.” Unfortunately, that exploration did not turn up any of the Gakona Station tokens.

In the 2011 ATC&PN article Anchorage collector J.W. Terrill reported that he thought “there were probably less than 40 pieces, with slightly more \$1 pieces than 50 cents.”

Southeast Alaska Correspondent Mike Schmetzer contacted [tamsguy67](#) who has been selling the Gakona Station tokens for a number of years on eBay and received the following reply:

“The original hoard consisted of about 50-pieces, with more 50¢ than \$1 tokens. I purchased, if I remember correctly, around 45 of the tokens and all were well circulated except for a few tokens. They were purchased by me at the Portland Antique Expo from a dealer at the show name Fred Swindall, whose business name was The Plaid Rabbit and he was from Portland. He told me that someone else had purchased a few of the tokens before I bought the rest, and told me that he acquired them at an estate sale near Portland, which is most likely true because I know he acquired most of his merchandise from estate sales, flea markets, yard sales and local public auctions, and rarely paid much for anything. I got to know him and his business partner pretty well because I also had a booth at the expo many times over the years. Unfortunately the Expo is now gone.”

Wayne Rowe, who purchased the Gakona Lodge last year, reports that the original lodge collapsed about 10 years ago. He is looking into the feasibility of salvaging the logs from the original roadhouse to use in adding additional cabins to the Gakona Lodge site.

In a recent eBay listing for an uncirculated 50 cents token, [tamsguy67](#) noted that “Many of the tokens had white corrosion on them, and the others were very good

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to extra fine, with a couple Almost Uncirculated, and this one uncirculated piece.” The uncirculated piece brought a high bid of \$41. (ed. note - quite the bargain I think).



The present Gakona Lodge has issued two wood tokens for the Trappers Den. As noted above the present lodge consists of the main log lodge building and cabins constructed by Arne Sundt.

The bar for the lodge is a separate log faced building called the Trappers Den. Dave Phillips in his compilation of Alaska wooden nickels lists two varieties, large letters and small letters, both printed in red ink, with a rabbit on one side and a martini glass on the other. Both are good for one drink. The large lettered version is in current use.

Photos by Gakona Lodge.



1962 ALASKA FRONTIER DOLLAR



The text indicates that this was probably sold at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. Someone would wander around the fair grounds and ask to see your Alaska Frontier Dollar. If you showed them the dollar you would "qualify" for a free trip - probably entered into a drawing.

GULKANA



Alaska Prospector, Valdez, February 13, 1902.

Red Hoffman and Buck Hoyt arrived from Copper Center a few days ago.

Alaska Prospector, Valdez, February 25, 1904.

Buck Hoyt and Bob Pollard who left here last fall for a trading trip among the Copper river Siwash have just returned, after a very successful season. They brought out fox skins of every variety and in large numbers, also martin, mink and beaver. They have in their collection of skins some very valuable black fox skins. The whole outfit will soon be shipped to market.

Alaska Prospector, Valdez, January 26, 1905.

Dolph Smith has entered into partnership with Buck Hoyt in the Gulkana roadhouse. Smith will take in the outfit and Hoyt will join him later in the spring.

Alaska Prospector, Valdez, December 15, 1905.

Take In Farming Implements

Buck Hoyt, of the Gulkana roadhouse, is in town this week after supplies and farming implements. He will take a mower, rake, plow, harrow, wagons, etc., to be used in cultivating the homestead near the roadhouse. During the past summer several tons of hay were put up at Gulkana, upon which two horses are being wintered.

Chitina Leader, October 28, 1911.

Buck Hoyt, of the Gulkana road house on the Fairbanks trail, was in town this week with a four horse team for supplies for his place. While waiting for the road to freeze so as to be passable with a load he went to Cordova and will return as soon as weather conditions are favorable. Mr. Hoyt is an old timer in this section and is enthusiastic in his efforts to give his patrons every attention. He says that if the roads were in better shape Chitina would be able to draw trade from far beyond him and that as soon as it freezes there will be considerable of demand on our merchandise to supple the road houses and camps along the trail. He also says that the greatest need of the trail is a permanent bridge

across the Gulkana near his place.

Alaska Daily Prospector, Valdez, July 14, 1913.

Judge Jennings held a session of the district court today and granted a liquor license to Buck Hoyt. A protest had been made by citizens of the interior, claiming that gambling was allowed in Buck's saloon and that drinks were served to women, but Judge Jennings ordered the issuance of the license, but warned the proprietor against allowing such conditions to exist.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, July 13, 1914.

Isolated Saloons Are to Be Closed

Valdez Prospector - Judge F.M. Brown today signed an order of the court directing that no more licenses be issue to applicants for saloon privileges at towns, camps or roadhouses not the headquarters of a resident United States deputy marshal. The order has been made necessary because of the abuse of the privilege by many liquor dealers at out the way places, who have sold liquor to natives, resulting in great suffering to the Indians and their families.

Under the new order the application...was denied...also one...of Hitchcock & Weierman, at Susitna.¹

Buck Hoyt, the saloonkeeper at Gulkana, and Cowells at Copper Center, will have to shut up shop unless the department of justice allows the appointment of a deputy marshal at those camps.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, August 9, 1915.

Hoyt Will Leave Next Wednesday

C.L. (Buck) Hoyt, proprietor of the Gulkana roadhouse, who with his son Harry, arrived in Fairbanks about ten day ago, will leave for the coast next Wednesday, the weather permitting...

Anyone intending to make the trip to the coast should see Mr. Hoyt at the Nordale for reservations on the car.

By those who have examined it, the Overland car...by making several trips between Valdez and Gulkana over Thompson's pass, the car has proven its ability to negotiate the toughest kind of trail.

Alaska Daily Prospector, Valdez, Sept. 17, 1914.

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Automobile Day For Valdez Trail

Today was automobile day, no less than three cars have left Valdez over the wagon road...

Buck Hoyt's "red devil" combination freight and passenger car was next to get away for Hoyt's headquarters at Gulkana. Buck went to Seattle and returned on the Evans with the Overland car. He expects to do a good passenger business between Valdez and Gulkana. He took a cargo of wet goods.

Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, June 3, 1916.

Buck Hoyt has sold the Gulkana roadhouse, on the Fairbanks-Valdez trail, to Mrs. E. Griffith, according to word received here.

Alaska Daily Prospector, Valdez, August 21, 1917.

Buck Hoyt and family will move into Valdez from Gulkana for the winter. Mr. Hoyt and sons probably will go into business here.

Wrangell Sentinel, April 23, 1929.

Buck Hoyt, one of the oldtimers of Valdez and the Copper River Valley, where he kept a fine roadhouse and raised foxes, has settle down in Seattle. He has established a grocery store at 650 Findley Street, Georgetown.

WHAT'S DICK READING

I picked up a couple books at Mac's Fireweed Books in Whitehorse.

One of the books was *The Caribou Hotel* by John Firth. It is about the Caribou Hotel in Carcross, and its haunting. But there were two references to Caribou House.

Page 36: *Wamsley stopped operating Caribou House in 1901.*

Page 54: *Wamsley had decided not to purchase the building from the Scotts, instead buying another hotel, Caribou House, from Charles Zorn in 1901. The Scott brothers then bought that establishment from Wamsley in 1903, renamed it Hotel Scott...*

Obviously the dates are not matching up, but the Caribou House was in Carcross in 1901.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: BPOE 1351 (Elks) poker chip. Gold on pink with white inserts. 39mm. eBay PR 9.99OB



FAIRBANKS: Drop Inn Lounge, Good for one beer, white on black plastic, 38mm.



(PRUDHOE BAY): Houston Contracting Co., BP Pipeline Renewal Program. 1 oz. silver, Alaska Mint.



SEWARD: Seward Club, 6¼¢, brass, 21mm (submitted by Don Duncan).



SITKA: Elks 1662, \$5 poker chip. Gold on red plastic, 39mm. eBay PR 9.99OB

GOLDEN HOTEL, McCARTHY, CHANGES HANDS FREQUENTLY

The LoC newspapers provide insight into businesses of early Alaska.



McCarthy Weekly News, April 20, 1918.

Cordova Daily Times, August 26, 1918.

*James Hyland returned yesterday from a trip to McCarthy, where he disposed of his interest in the Golden Hotel to John Ambler, and will here after devote his entire time to his saltery business.**

McCarthy Weekly News, January 21, 1922.

Under search warrant on Thursday evening, Deputy Marshal Kavanaugh searched the Golden Hotel and Pool Hall for incriminating evidence under the Bond Dry Law, but no evidence was secured.

McCarthy Weekly News, February 25, 1922.

James Hussey has purchased a half interest in the Golden Hotel building from Ed Lindig.

McCarthy Weekly News, April 4, 1925.

NOTICE

I wish to announce that I have transferred my interest and good-will in the Golden Hotel to William Lubbe and that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the new management on and after the first day of April 1925.

James Hussey

McCarthy Weekly News, December 5, 1925.

CHANGES HANDS

Wm. Lubbe this week completed a deal whereby he turned over his interest in the Golden Hotel to his brother, Charles Lubbe, and Ronald Veitch, lately of Green Butte.

Billy Lubbe has not yet made known his plans for the future.



McCarthy Weekly News, April 3, 1926.

GOLDEN HOTEL SOLD TO LOCAL MEN

Ronald Veitch this week completed a deal whereby he disposed of his interest in the Golden Hotel to W.E. (Dud) McKinney and Henry Olson, both of this town. The new proprietors went into possession Thursday.

McCarthy Weekly News, October 30, 1926.

Dud McKinney has sold his interest in the Golden Hotel to his partner Henry Olson. He plans on leaving in the near future for his home in Shushanna.



McCarthy Weekly News, February 25, 1922.

* James Hyland left McCarthy and started a saltery at Landlock Bay between Valdez and Cordova in 1918. By June of 1918, he is "returning to Abercrombie canyon." In the summer of 1920, he is in the Katalla oil fields. By 1922 he is logging in Cedar Bay, and Hichinbrook Island is the headquarters for a "lumber cruise." By December of 1922, he is in Jonesville, (ed. note: a coal mining town) "where he will take charge of the store formerly run by Mr. Lingo." Did he have wanderlust, or did he just fail at all his businesses?



HAPPENINGS AT THE MINER MINT

We have been fairly busy the last few months.

Liza Claar, my minion, has been busy designing and making tokens to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association.



The theme for the Fair this year is "Thank You For Bee-ing a Friend." This inspired the bees on the tokens. The first is a bee with fireweed, while the second has 2 bees. They are shown actual size, with the common reverse in the center. These large diameter 1/10 oz. silver tokens are available.

Liza can be contacted at tundratokens@hotmail.com. Her website is tundratokens.com.



Nutrient Survival (storage foods) contacted me about making some tokens for them. I made some tokens for them a few years ago for a special promotion with Rudy, the Alaska Prepper. They wanted "Nutrient Survival" and "Feed your Freedom" on one side. Too many letters for one side of the token. Shown enlarged above.



That was not going to happen. I made a prototype, but let's be honest, my stuff is crude. They wanted a higher quality product. And I am OK with that. That is as far as this project went. Samples are \$10.



Family have been visiting this summer, so of course they have to press their own tokens. I prepared some simple dies for 1/10 oz. silver tokens and they could make as many as they needed/wanted.

Fairbanks Coin Club members were also given an opportunity to make their own token at the annual July cook out at our house. Samples are \$10.



Finally, I have purchased some gold from Dome Creek. Dome Creek is on the Elliott Highway near Olmes. It was one of the most productive placer streams in the Fairbanks Mining District. Prior to World War I, it was mined mostly by drift mining. Bedrock was as deep at 200 feet. Dome Creek has been mined almost all the way to Olmes, a distance of about 3 miles (about 10 miles up the highway). There is a large forest fire out there and they have evacuated from mile 30 to mile 50.

In the winter of 1954-55, United States Smelting & Refining Co. moved Gold Dredge #5 from Little Eldorado (1947-54) to Dome Creek. It had previously been at Upper Cleary (1929-46). Gold Dredge #5 sits down in the creek bed, so it had to be moved over ridges to get there. Very impressive!

Reported fineness is .877.

These are available for \$135 postpaid.



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ANCHOR POINT

Anchor River Inn, 75¢ in drinks, brs, 35mm 5.00

CENTRAL

Central Motor Inn, one drink, blk on wood 3.00

CLEAR

Clear Sky Lodge, beer, gold alum. 42mm 5.00

CIRCLE CITY

Yukon Trading Post, \$1, CN, 40mm 3.00

CORDOVA

Alaskan Hotel & Bar, one drink, white on light blue plastic, 31mm 5.00

Chamber of Commerce, 8 Bits, Ice Worm Fest., brass, 39mm 5.00

Club Bar, One Drink, gold on red plastic poker chip, 39mm 5.00

Moose Lodge #1266, Tuit Drink, black on red, 42mm 5.00

CRAIG

Moose Lodge 1208, Spring Conference 1986, CN, 34mm 5.00

DALTON HIGHWAY

Arctic Circle Gifts, 50¢ off \$5, blk on wood 5.00

DELTA JUNCTION

Diehl's Shopping Center, set of 5 Food Stamp Tokens 75.00

EAGLE RIVER

Elks Lodge 2682, one drink, brs, 34mm 5.00

Homestead Sports Lounge/Eagle River Bowl, one drink/one free game, brs 35mm. 5.00

ESTER

Malemute Saloon, 2 Bits, blk on wood 3.00

FORT WAINWRIGHT

Barbershop, one haircut, 1967PC, brs. 37mm 8.00

GALENA

Yukon Inn, Hobo Benson's, good for 75¢, 1970, brass, 32mm 5.00

HAINES

Bamboo Room, coffee, blk on wood 3.00

Chamber of Commerce Trade Dollar, 1979-81,

Chilkat Chief & Sheldon Jackson, brz.35mm 4.00

Chilkat Rest. & Bakery, coffee, blk on wood 3.00

Elks 2634, one drink token, brs, 39mm 5.00

O'Riley's Fogcutter Bar, 1 drink, blue on wood 3.00

HOMER

American Legion Gen. Buckner Post #16, blue on white plas, 39mm 5.00

Bayside Lounge 75¢, red on tan plastic with pseudo-wooden nickel on reverse, 39mm 8.00

As above, one drink, blk on tan, 39mm 8.00

As above, one drink, blk on yellow, Ladie's night reverse, 39mm 8.00

Kharacters, \$3.75 I/T, wht on red plas 39mm 5.00

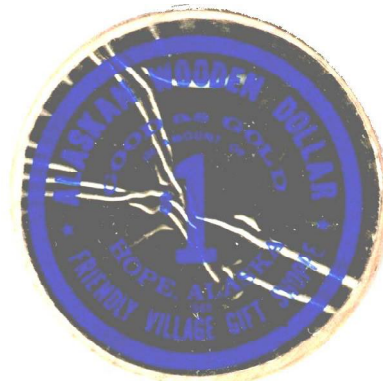
Otter Room, one drink, silver on black, 39mm 8.00

Sterling Bar, 1 Drink, white on red plas. 39mm 5.00

Salty Dog, one drink, red on wood. 8.00

Ya-Sure Club Wa-Hoo, one drink, 1977, white on light blue plastic, 39mm 8.00

HOPE



Friendly Village Gift Shop, Alaska Wooden Dollar/Alaska Travel & Trade Fair, Century City, CA, 1969. Blue printing on gold foil (very reflective and appears black) applied to large wood. Tiny flake of gold. Still in original cellophane. 10.00

Alaska's 2nd Travel & Trade Fair, 1970, blue on large size wood 3.00

POST-STATEHOOD TOKENS FOR SALE

INDIAN

Jim's Saloon, one drink, 1967PC, brs, 32mm 5.00

JUNEAU

Imperial Bar, free drink, blk on wood 3.00

J's Quality Auto Supply, 10% discount, alum. 32mm 3.00

Juneau Moose Lodge #700, gold on black octagonal plas. 39mm 5.00

Lucky Lady Bar, one free drink, wht on grn plastic, 32mm 5.00

Red Dog Dollar, brass, 33mm 5.00

Sylmax Company, set of 2, 25¢ and 50¢; wht on grn, scalloped and wht on blk octagonal plastic. 3.00

Triangle Club, one drink, red on yellow plas. 43mm 8.00

KASIGLUK

Co-Op Store, set of 5 Food Stamp Tokens 35.00

KENAI

American Legion Post #20, drink, white on light blue plastic, 39mm 8.00

Moose Lodge 1942, well drink, gold on red plastic, 40mm 8.00

KETCHIKAN

Alaska Bar, one bar drink, gold on red plas. 26mm 5.00

Chamber of Commerce \$2 3.00

Dolly's House, Come Again Free, brs, 34mm 5.00

Mike's Elbow Room, beer, blk on yellow plas, 42mm 8.00

Moose Lodge 224, \$1, alum. 34mm 5.00

KODIAK

B&B Bar, booze or beer, gold on blue poker chip 5.00

Beachcombers, one drink, 1967, brs, 37mm 4.00

Solly's, one snort, set of 4 square plastic 32.00

As above, rain check, one drink, 26mm brs 5.00

Solly's Office, 2½ Rubles, set of 3, alum, brs, copper, 39mm 30.00

As above, one snort, set of 3 scalloped alum, brs, copper, 30mm 25.00

As above, Earthquake & Tidal Wave, set of 3; copper and alum. #'d, alum un-#'d, 25mm 20.00

As above, Plywood Palace Days, 1965, one snort, set of 3, alum, brs, copper 30mm 25.00

Tony's, \$, Drink, brass, 32mm 5.00

The Village, snort rain check, al., 22mm 3.00

As above, Rain check, wht on red octagonal plastic, 30mm 3.00

MATANUSKA BOROUGH

Wasilla Bar, Kashim Room, Cheap Charlies Bar Rainbow Lounge, Hallea. Set of 10, 2 each 25¢ and \$1, plastic 32mm. 10.00

MATANUSKA VALLEY

Chamber of Commerce Trade Dollar, 1963-1965, brass, 39mm 3.00

MOOSE CREEK/NORTH POLE

American Legion Con Miller Post #30, one drink, blk on wood 3.00

MOOSE PASS

Jockey Club Trade Dollar, 1967PC, bronze 40mm 5.00

NENANA VALLEY

Chamber of Commerce Souvenir Dollar, 1972, CN, 40mm 3.00

NOME

Bering Sea Saloon, one drink, brs, 34mm 5.00

Board of Trade, encased cent, 1964 5.00

Nome Liquor Store, 5¢, blk on wood 3.00

Polar Bar, one drink, blk on wood 8.00

NORTH POLE

Blackie's Bar, 75¢, wht on green, 39mm 5.00

As above, \$1, white on red, 39mm 5.00

Moose Lodge 306, Tuit Beer, blk on yellow 40mm 8.00

PALMER

American Legion, Post 15, MV Country Club 1988, brass, 32mm 5.00

Chace Lounge, well drink, 1985, brs, 32mm 5.00

Chamber of Commerce Trade Dollar, 1977 3.00

As above, 1978 3.00

Elks Lodge 1842, one drink, brs, 34mm 5.00

Elks Club, Original Rat Race, alum. 34mm 3.00

Klondike Mike's, one drink, red on yellow plastic, 39mm 8.00

As above, one drink, red on black, 40mm 8.00

POST-STATEHOOD TOKENS FOR SALE

Palmer Moose Lodge #793, one drink, aluminum, 29mm	5.00	Penny's Cafe, 25¢, blue alum. 32mm	FREE WITH ORDER
(Moose) Palmer Lodge, 34 yrs. 1978, brass 40mm	5.00	Sea Breeze, Call (drink), blk on gray, 32mm	8.00
(Moose) Palmer Lodge, 1978, one drink, Aluminum, 34mm	5.00	Solly's in Seward, Rum Rat Prop. one drink, black on wood	3.00
Moose Lodge, worth \$1, 1944-1974, brass 40mm	5.00	Yukon Bar, draft beer, gold on yellow poker chip	5.00
Moose Lodge, one drink, 1983, al. 34mm	5.00	As above, white poker chip	5.00
Moose Lodge, one drink, brs, 34mm	8.00	SITKA	
Moosehead Saloon, one well drink, brs 30mm	8.00	American Legion encased cent, 1965	5.00
As above, one free drink, wht on red octagonal plastic, 45mm	8.00	Am. Leg., one drink, alum. 34mm	5.00
PARKS HIGHWAY		Chamber of Commerce Trade Dollar, CN 1963	3.00
Skinny Dick's Half Way Inn, one beer, alum. 40mm	8.00	Pioneer Bar, Rain check, gold on wht, 41mm	8.00
PETERSBURG		SKAGWAY	
Elks #1615, one drink, brz, 40m	5.00	Corrington's Alaskan Ivory Co., 50¢, 1985, alum. 32mm.	3.00
Little Norway Festival, 1965, encased cent	5.00	Trade Dollar, 1974, brz., 40mm	5.00
PETERS CREEK		As above, no date, brass, 34mm	5.00
American Legion Post 33, one drink, black on red plastic, 40mm	8.00	Miss Kitty's Buttonhole, 1 brothel token, brz. 35mm	5.00
As above, blank reverse, gold on green plas.	8.00	SELDOVIA	
As above, set of 4, all one drink. Black on yellow, green, red, and blue 40mm	30.00	Seldovia Lodge, Rain check, drinks to \$2, black on white plastic, 38m	8.00
Eagles, FOE 4174, tap beer, blk on yellow plastic, 40mm	8.00	SOURDOUGH	
As above, Premium drink, blk on wht plas.	8.00		
As above, Mixed drink, blk on red plas.	8.00		
SALCHA			
Boon Dox Bar, mixed drink, blk on blue plastic 35mm	8.00		
As above, tap beer, gold on black plastic	8.00		
As above one pitcher beer, silver on green	8.00		
Sno Shu Inn, mixed drink, blk on blue, 40mm	8.00		
SEWARD			
Gil's Lounge, Gene Thorn, Rain check, 1 drink, aluminum, 25mm	3.00		
New Seward Hotel & Saloon, \$3 Drink, brass, 32mm	5.00		
Elks Lodge 1773, \$1 I/T, 1967 convention, brass, 32mm	5.00		
D.J's Wheelhouse, set of 3 plastic, 40mm	8.00		
Palace Bar & Cafe, one drink, brs, 32mm	5.00		



Sourdough Roadhouse, well drink, 1969
aluminum, 32mm 20.00



As above, drink, 1990, brs, 32mm 20.00

POST-STATEHOOD TOKENS FOR SALE

SOLDOTNA

Hill Top Bar & Cafe, drink/coffee, red on wd.	3.00
Lola's Bear Den, 1965, drink, brs 32mm	3.00
Soldotna Jewelry, \$1, brs 25mm	3.00

SPENARD

American Legion, \$5 in trade, brs, 38mm	5.00
Carousel Lounge, free drink, 1967 brs 25mm	5.00
Eagles Aerie 3154, Bingo Darts, \$5, brs 39mm	5.00
Friendly Fireside Lounge, drink, 1961, copper 32mm	4.00
As above, 6 bits and 10 in trade (85¢), 1969 brass, 32mm	4.00
Golden Whale Bar, 1 drink, 1965, alum. 35mm	3.00
Olson Gas Service, Car Wash blk on brs 23mm	3.00
As above, Olson Tesoro car wash	3.00
Trade Winds Lounge, \$2, brass, 32mm	5.00

TAKOTNA



Takotna Bar, one drink, alum., 32mm	50.00
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TALKEETNA

Fairview Inn, one drink, blk on wood	5.00
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UNALASKA

Elbow Room, one drink, gold on pink plas, 38mm	12.00
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VALDEZ

Acres Saloon, free drink, blk on wood	3.00
Elks Lodge #2537, silver on blue plas. 39mm	5.00
Eagles Aerie 1971, one drink, gold on black plastic, 39mm	5.00

WASILLA

Amvets Post 9, set of 4: draft beer; can beer; wine; mixed drink. Blk on red, blue green and yellow respectively. 32mm.	30.00
Deli, cup of coffee, blk on wood.	3.00
Mat-Su Resort, \$2 off any bar drink, blk on brown plas., 39mm	6.00

Rainbow Lake Lounge, 60¢ drink, blk on white plastic, 39mm	10.00
VFW Post 9365, blk on blue plas, 42mm	8.00
Wasilla Bar, one drink, blk on yellow plastic 42mm	8.00
Wasilla Bar, one free drink, beer or well, red on white plastic, 41mm	8.00
As above, but the white plastic is translucent	8.00

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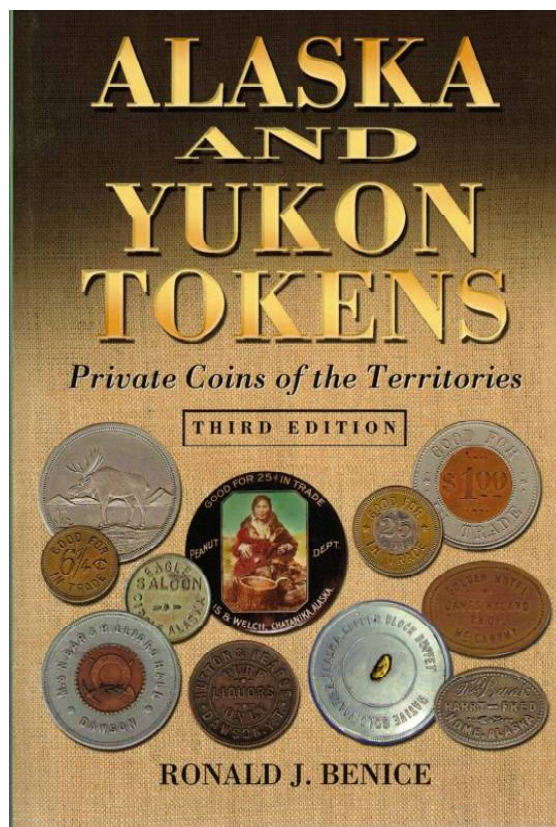
Amvets Glacier Post 3, 50¢ I/M, brs 32mm	5.00
Chenega Inn & Seaside Resort, \$1, 1965, alum. 35mm	3.00
Sportsman's Inn, \$1, brs, 31mm	5.00
As above, \$1, 1967PC, brs, 34mm	5.00
As above, 1 jolt, 1969, brs, 34mm	5.00

WILLOW

Sheep Creek Lodge, one drink, black on tan, 40mm	10.00
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WRANGELL

Elks Lodge 1595, brz. 33mm	5.00
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